MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The cancellation is recommended to the Government by the Police Commissioner. He himself suspends for the time being and the confirmation of that is made by the Government. As regards the circumstances, I believe they are found in the rules under which cancellation will be effected.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the member kindly point out to me instances of cancellation and suspension made by any of the Magistrates before whom the matter was brought up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Report of the Commissioner of Police on the Conversion of some Mahomedans to Christianity in Arukutty.

53. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) With reference to the answers given by the Government in the Council on the 10th Vrischikam 1102, regarding the alleged forcible conversion of Mahomedans to Christianity, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have called for the information required from the Commissioner of Police?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to place the same on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) A copy of the report* received from the Commissioner of Police is placed on the table.

Brooke Bond Concession.

54. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Has the Dewan declared in the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly in connection with the recent Brooke Bond Scheme, that "the final verdict will rest with the representatives of the people"?

(2) Have the Government received resolutions protesting against the said scheme, passed in public meetings held in different parts of the State?

(3) Are the Government in receipt of memorials protesting against the scheme signed by the tax-payer citizens of the several villages of Central Travancore?

(4) Did the Government receive the resolutions of protest against the said scheme from the "All Travancore Conference" held at Chengannur on the 5th Medam 1102 and also from the conference of planters held at Kottayam on the 15th Edavam this year (1102)?

(5) Do the Government consider the above protests as coming from the people or their representatives?

(6) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Press Communiqué published by the Government on this subject is the final verdict on the scheme?

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 154

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(7) Will the Government be pleased to place before this House the letter or telegram received from Messrs. Brooke Bond Company informing the Government of the inadvisability of proceeding with the scheme ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) to (4) The answers are in the affirmative.

(5) Yes.
(6) Yes.
(7) Copies of the relevant papers relating to the scheme have been laid on the table.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*). ജനങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തെ കൂടി പരിഗണിച്ചിട്ടാണോ ബ്രൂക്ക് ബാണ്ട് പുതുവൽ പദ്ധതിപിൻവലിച്ചത് ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ജനങ്ങളുടെ മെമ്മോറിയലും റസ്യൂഷനും ഗവർണ്മെൻറിൻെറ മുമ്പാകെ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): അതു കൂടി ആലോചിച്ചതിൽ പിന്നീടാണോ ഈ പദ്ധതി പിൻവലിച്ചത് ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അതേ.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ എന്തുകൊണ്ട് ആ വിവരം പ്രസ്സ് കമ്മൂണിക്കിൽ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചില്ല?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): പ്രസ്സ് കമ്മൂണിക്കിൽ അങ്ങിനെ പ്രസ്താവിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ലായിരുന്നു.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): അങ്ങിനെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവർണ്മെൻറിനോട് അഭിനന്ദനത്തിനും ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ഭരണ രീതിയെ കുറിച്ചുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തിനും കാരണമാകയില്ലായിരുന്നോ?

MR. T P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അത് ഒരഭിപ്രായമാണ്.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): ബ്രൂക്കുബാണ്ട് കമ്പനി പരസ്പരസഹായ സംഘത്തിന്മേൽ സ്ഥലം വേണ്ടെന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചതല്ലാതെ വേറെ തരത്തിൽ വേണ്ടെന്നു വച്ചോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അറിവില്ല.

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MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): ആനക്കാൽ തോട്ടം ബ്രൂക്ക്ബാണ്ട് കമ്പനിക്കാരുടെ ഏജൻറിൻെറ വകയാണെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): അതിനടുത്തുള്ള മൂവായിരം ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചു കിട്ടുന്നതിനു ഉദ്ദേശിതമായ നടപടി നടത്തുന്നതായി അറിയാമൊ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അപേക്ഷ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നറിയാം.

Correspondence re Brooke Bond Scheme.

55. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the whole correspondence that took place between the Government and Messrs. Brooke Bond Co., Ltd., London, with regard to the Brooke Bond concession, or at least the last letter received from Messrs. Brooke Bond Co., Ltd., London, which is referred to in the Press Note published on the 30th June 1927, dropping the Brooke Bond Scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to part (7) of interpellation No. 54 by Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Press Communiqué dated the 29th June 1927 is based on the last letter received from Messrs. Brooke Bond Co., Ltd.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is based on that also.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the attention of the Government was drawn to the following passage in the letter sent by Messrs. Brooke Bond Company while they issued the Press Note:

"The question of roads and road-making appears to be one which would present great difficulties. Our next point, and one which carries considerable weight in our decisions is the difficulty which has arisen in the very antagonistic attitude which has been taken up by the local Press in Travancore."

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have perused the entire letter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the attention of the Government was also drawn to the following sentence:—

"The great natural difficulties to be overcome in road-making is what, to begin with, would prove an unhealthy area, is an obstacle which might be overcome, but we feel that

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